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**Love in Lapland.**  
In Lapland the crime which, after murder, is punished with the greatest severity is that of marrying a girl against the wishes of her parents. When a suitor makes his appearance he says nothing to the maiden, who often does not know who he is, but her parents inform her that she is sought in marriage. Shortly afterward, on a day appointed, the girl, her parents, friends and suitor all meet together at a feast, and the young man and maiden are placed opposite, so that they can look at each other freely and can talk with comfort. After the meal is over the company repair to an open space, where "the race for a wife" is run. The usual distance is about a quarter of a mile, and the girl is placed a third of the distance from the starting point. If she be fleet of foot she can easily reach the goal before her suitor, and in that case he may never trouble her again. If, however, he has found favor in her eyes, all she has to do is to lag somewhat in her flight, so that he may overtake her. If she desires to intimate to him that his love for her is returned she may run a little way and then turn with open arms to accept him.

**English For French Tongues.**  
Persons who have worried through a "French Manual" may get some satisfaction from the thought that with their own language they are revenged upon the Parisian. "Methods Avec Prononciation" is a little book which makes straight the way of the English language for French tongues. Does one wish to say, "How is it, miss; one so charming and pretty walking alone?" (which, of course, would be one of the first remarks a French traveler would have occasion to make) it is only necessary to consult the "Non-velles Methods": "Aou isite, miss; ouenne so tcharmingue annde pretti ouakingue alaune?" If the traveler goes to the theater the man at the box office may say, "Oui have onli orchestre stalls laite, beute alle me tou rimarque sat se are se best sice for sinqueule dgentlemene." Evidently "th" is given up as a bad job, and "j" is as difficult for the Frenchman as for the German, though a German manual gives John Bull as "Dschonn Bool."

**Great Mushroom Garden in France.**  
The strangest of the underground worlds in France which I visited was one devoted to the raising of mushrooms. Its limits seemed unbounded, as indeed they were, for it pierced the hillsides in every direction. We entered through an opening under an orchard of cherry trees. During "harvest time" a crop is gathered every twenty-four hours. Three men, with their great baskets, make the rounds of this underground farm every morning, and every day in the year can count on an immense crop, which they ship to the large cities near by and even several miles away. The discolored and inferior mushrooms are sent to the canneries, but for his best growth the producer receives only 20 cents a pound.—Scribner's Magazine.

**Flamingoes' Tongues.**  
The beastly Vitellius, as Gibbon calls him, spent at least six millions of money on table in as many months. He invented, or his cook invented for him, a dish which he designated "the Shield of Minerva." One of its principal ingredients was flamingoes' tongues, of which both Pliny and Martial speak in encomiastic terms. Dampier says that the flamingoes have "large tongues, and near the root is a piece of fat which is accounted a great dainty." When Captain Owen was surveying the east coast of Africa his sailors shot down hundreds of these beautiful birds in order, with an extravagance worthy of Vitellius, to make a dish of the tongues alone.

**Historic Albania.**  
Albania lies 180 miles on the Adriatic sea and is fifty to a hundred miles wide. It was formed originally, says William Jackson Armstrong in his "Heroes of Defeat," from part of Illyris, all of Epirus and part of Macedonia in the eleventh century. From this territory sprung Pyrrhus, who defeated the Roman invader; Philip and Alexander of Macedonia, the conquerors; Perseus, whose fame as a soldier covered the world sixty years after Christ; and Skanderbeg, who for forty years defeated armies sent against him by the Turk. Ancient Albania lay in Asia, just east of the Caucasus.

**The Whole Thing.**  
"Then you've been to Niagara?"  
"Yes. I was quietly married last Tuesday week, and the next day we reached Niagara. Soon as we got there I started out to see the falls with my wife."  
"Magnificent, eh?"  
"You bet! You should have seen all the other men turning around to look at her as she passed."

**Club Benefits.**  
"It's a shame the way those Squalop children are growing up without any parental restraint whatever."  
"Yes; when their mother joined the Woman's Literary society and began attending all the meetings Mr. Squalop got sort of reckless and joined a Don't Worry club."—Exchange.

**His Busy Day.**  
Customer (to printer)—You promised to have my work done yesterday, and you haven't touched it yet.  
Printer—My dear sir, we've been so busy in this office that you ought to be very thankful that we took the time to make you a promise.

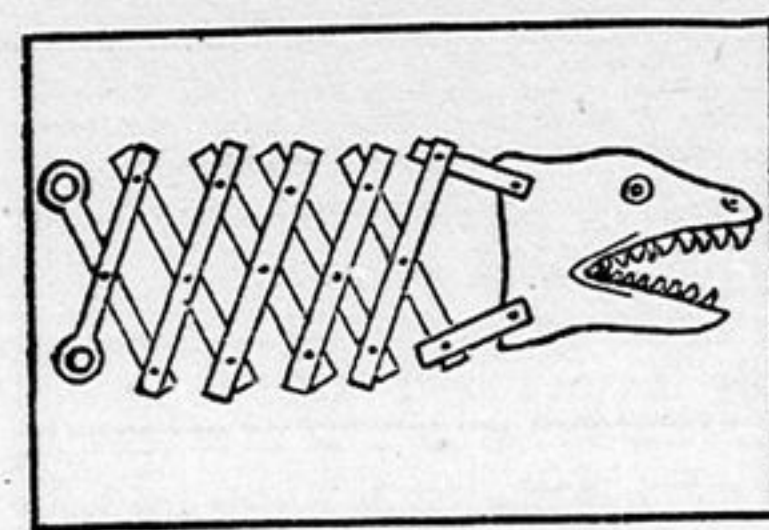
**Fully Explained.**  
"Say, pa."  
"Well?"  
"What's a favorite son?"  
"He's generally a dead one after the first ballot."—Chicago Record-Herald.



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THE DARTING DRAGON.

wide and not much thicker than the wood of a cigar box. Arrange them as in the picture, pivot them with a short nail with a large head and arrange the dragon (made out of a large piece of thin wood) as shown. By putting the thumbs into the hole shown at the other end and working these handles as you would a pair of scissors the dragon will dart back and forth. The end pieces, or handles, must be large enough to permit of making the holes for the thumbs, as shown. A body to the dragon may be made of light colored cloth or calico. The nails for the pivots must be malleable, so they will bend over after being driven.

## How a Rose Was Named.

Many flowers owe their names to famous people. Among the number are the dahlia, named for Dahl, a Swedish florist; the magnolia, for Magnol, a celebrated French botanist, and fuchsia, for Fuch, a distinguished German savant, but there is only one instance known when a man and a flower received a title at the same moment.

This is how it happened: When Niel, a brave French general, was returning from the scene of his victories in the war between France and Austria he received from a peasant, who wished to honor the hero, a basket of beautiful yellow roses. One of the stems, which happened to have roots clinging to it, the general took to a florist in Paris, in whose care it remained until it became a thriving bush covered with blossoms.

Niel then took the plant as a gift to Empress Eugenie. She expressed great admiration for the exquisite flowers, and on learning that the rose was nameless said significantly: "Then I shall name it. It shall be 'the Marechal Niel.'" And at the same moment she bestowed upon the astonished general the jeweled baton that betokened his promotion to the high office of marshal of France.

## Homemade Crokinole Game.

Take a table two and a half feet across. With chalk draw a tiny circle the size of a dollar, and around that draw three other circles, each about three and a half inches apart. The center spot counts 20, the circle around it 15, the next one 10, the outer one 5. Each side takes about fourteen checkers, flipping them in turn, one at a time, with the thumb and middle finger toward the center. The object is to keep your men in the middle circle. To knock your opponent's checkers off the board with your own you must always shoot from the outer ring. At the end of the game the men in the same circles are matched and the remaining ones are counted. One hundred, 300 or 500 constitute a game. Each player tries to place his men in the smaller center ring. If you shoot too hard and your man goes clear off the board it is held by your opponent till the next game. It is fair to knock your other men toward center with the checker in hand.

## Going to Do For Mother.

It is difficult to be patient with a boy who boasts that he is going to do so much for his mother "when he's a man" and who will not even do so much as study his lessons for her now. The present work, whether it is adding a column of figures, or building a fire, or doing an errand, is the work that is the true test of love. People who do not do their best today will not do it tomorrow. Do not forget that today is yesterday's tomorrow. How have you fulfilled yesterday's promises?

## A Little Mixed.

At the examination of the lowest class the pupils were asked, "What are the three chief occupations of Michigan and how are they carried on?" One pupil wrote as follows: "Apples, potatoes and celery. They are carried on wagons."

## Came in Itself.

A mother once said to her little son, who always forgot to wipe his shoes on the door mat, "Harry, did you bring that mud into the house?"  
"No, mamma," replied Harry. "It just stuck to my shoes and came in itself."

## The Rooster.

The rooster was flapping his wings and crowing, and Bert turned to grandma and asked:  
"What makes the rooster fan himself before he crows?"

**Happiness.**  
We are forever children. When we are infants we cry for the moon; when we are grown up we cry for happiness. And we always cry for the wrong thing because we never know what is good for us. It is a man's lot to mistake his wants and to be disappointed. It is his purpose in life always to grasp for the useless thing, to strive for that which has no merit, to hope for that which perishes as soon as he holds it in his hands. We have our ideal of happiness, but we endeavor to realize it in ways which are not good for us.

Happiness, as we perceive it in this terrestrial sphere, is a saddening illusion. It never lasts, because it cannot. It never satisfies, because it is not made to satisfy. The land of El Dorado forever remains east of the sun and west of the moon—that is, nowhere. It is the fatal morgana, the mirage of the desert of life. Happiness remains happiness while it is an illusion. Mortality is not made to hold and to enjoy it. It is mortality's lot to chase jack o' lanterns—to cry for the moon, which cannot be obtained because it hangs so high up in the heavens.

## The Last of the Ruffs.

In 1762 the rage for ruffs, such as are seen on many monumental effigies, began to decline. A writer in the London Chronicle of that year says of gentlemen's dress, "Their cuffs entirely cover their wrists, and only the edges of their ruffles are to be seen."

It is said that a distaste for ruffs was first created so far back as 1613, when a woman named Turner wore them on her trial for the murder by poison of Sir Thomas Overbury. The French revolution of 1789 much influenced British fashion, and the picturesque cocked hat and ruffles then gave way generally to round hats and small cuffs.

The period of their final disuse cannot be easily determined, as men of old fashioned or eccentric habits have worn ruffled shirt fronts within quite recent memory similar to those which, according to Planché's "History of British Costume," originated in the seventeenth century.

## Lincoln's Fees.

As a rule, Abraham Lincoln's fees were less than those of other lawyers of his circuit. Justice Davis once remonstrated with him and insisted that he was doing a grave injustice to his associates at the bar by charging so little for his services. From 1850 to 1860 his income varied from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and even when he was recognized as one of the ablest lawyers of the state his fee book frequently shows charges of \$3, \$5 and \$1 for advice, although he never went into court for less than \$10. During that period he was at the height of his power and popularity, and lawyers of less standing and talent charged several times those amounts. But avarice was the least of his faults.—"The True Abraham Lincoln."

## What He Is Worth.

"What a curious habit we have," remarked the street car philosopher, "of saying that a man is worth so and so many thousands of dollars. I know men who have many dollars who, judged from any reasonable standard that I know, are not worth anything at all. It is refreshing to hear occasionally of men who do happen to be worth a great deal even though they are rich and who are anxious that people should forget they have money and think of them only for their qualities. All the same, it always gives me an unpleasant turn when I see a man's worth put down in dollars."

## A Bismarck Incident.

It used to be the privilege of Austria's representative at any conference of representatives of the German states to smoke, the others refraining. This was supposed to be an acknowledgment of Austria's supremacy. At the first conference that Bismarck attended as Prussia's representative he began to puff smoke across the conference table as soon as the Austrian diplomat lit up. That set everybody present to smoking on equal terms, and Austria's supremacy got a blow.

## Why He Wanted His Letters.

He—If you insist upon it I suppose it is all over between us, but I wish you would return my letters.  
She—Why, you are not afraid I shall make use of them to your disadvantage?  
He—No, but I've got my eye on another girl, and I could use them writing to her, you know.—Exchange.

## Badly Balanced.

"I am a self made man," said the proud individual.  
"Well, you are all right except as to your head," commented the other part of the conversation.  
"How's that?"  
"The part you talk with is out of proportion to the part you think with."

## A Pessimist.

Little Sister—Puttin' us out of the room just—boo, boo—cause there's company!  
Little Brother—But maybe they won't eat all the cake.  
Little Sister—Oh, you can't trust—boo, boo—company with cake!—Puck.

## An Even Score.

"What is your objection to him, papa?"  
"Why, the fellow can't make enough money to support you."  
"But neither can you."

## A Souvenir.

"A souvenir," said the thoughtful man thoughtfully, "is something that we consider to be worth a whole lot more than its value."—Exchange.

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